



Office of the City Clerk

Weekly Report – for Week Ending December 14, 2018

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Elections

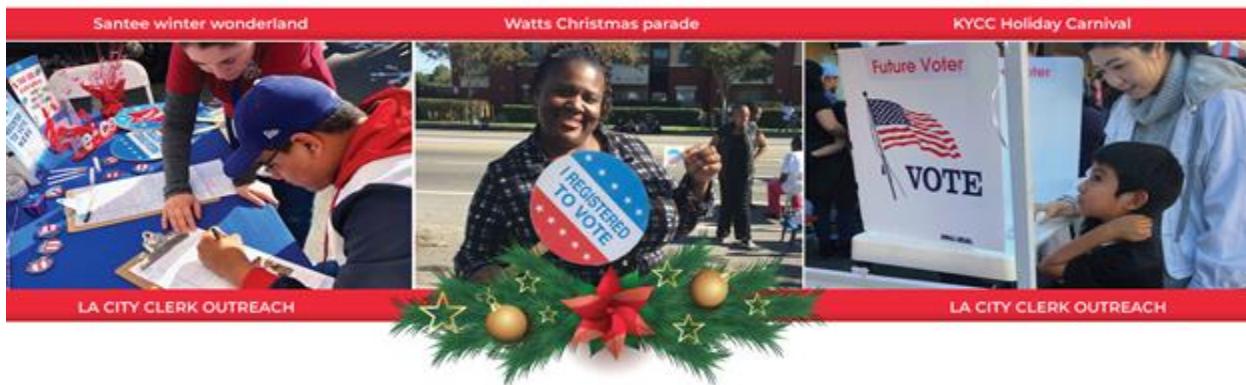
Staff completed the LAUSD 5 Candidate Nominating Petition review process and issued the Certified List of Candidates on December 11. Ten candidates qualified to be on the ballot.

As part of the Faith-Based Outreach Initiative, staff engaged hundreds of Our Lady of Guadalupe (CD 14) parishioners and pre-registered 16 and 17-year-olds to vote at the 87th Annual Procession and Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego Mass. Another faith-based event took place at the St. Francis Xavier Festival also in CD 14, where staff engaged with a primarily Japanese American audience.

As part of the Seniors Outreach Initiative, Clerk staff participated in the "Seniors Matter" Resource Fair sponsored by Congressional Representatives Karen Bass and Lucille Roybal-Allard at John C. Fremont High School (CD15). Staff spoke during the "Staying Active" session, encouraging seniors to help get-out-the-vote and participate in the 2019 Neighborhood Council elections. Staff also provided information on the County's new voting system, and voter registration update options, such as language preference and Vote-By-Mail.

Other events attended include the Koreatown Youth Community Center's 25th Annual Holiday Carnival (CD 4), and the Watts Christmas Parade (CD 15). In all staff engaged with 1,000 Angelenos.

Staff distributed Neighborhood Council candidate filing guides for the upcoming 2019 Neighborhood Council (NC) Elections to attendees of the Annual South Park BID Meeting at the Los Angeles Convention Center in CD 9.



Neighborhood Council (NC) Elections

Staff continues to prepare for the upcoming 2019 NC Elections by recruited polling places, 19 out of 94 to date, and by testing the candidate filing portal which will go live this Sunday, December 16, when the first candidate filing period opens. Subsequent filing periods will begin on December 20 and December 22.

Staff attended the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Council Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 11, where the Committee considered a series on NC reforms, including a revised stakeholder definition. The City Council is expected to hear the item in early January, 2019.



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Neighborhood and Business Improvement Districts (NBID)

Hearings were held at the Economic Development Committee for the 2019 Annual Planning Reports for the Lincoln Heights Industrial, Larchmont Village and Westwood property-based BIDs. The Los Feliz Village merchant-based BID renewal and reconfirmation Ordinance of Intention was heard in City Council.

Neighborhood Council (NC) Funding Program

The NCs have committed \$1,2M, or 29% of its \$4.1M annual budget allocation. Spending is expected to increase this month as various NC outreach events are held throughout the City.

Funds are currently frozen for the Mission Hills, South Central, CANN DU, Van Nuys and Watts NCs. Van Nuys NC has been recently released from Exhaustive Efforts by DONE, however their funds have been frozen by this office due to recent NC Funding policy violations.

NC Funding staff attended two board retreats this week to provide additional funding training for the Boyle Heights and Westlake South NCs.

Systems

All NC board seat rules for the upcoming 2019 election cycle have been updated and finalized within the databases. These sets of business rules that include all starting and ending dates, board seat structures, number of and types of open seats, and candidate qualifications will drive the filing portals day-to-day operations.

Staff setup and installed a new election database virtualized server. This replaced the existing server due to outdated software that could cause a security vulnerability. The new election database server will be used to host applications that support the 2019 NC election operation.